

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION commending the Indiana National Guard for its defense of the United States and service to the State of Indiana.

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_____, read first time and referred to Committee on _____



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Whereas, the charter for the Indiana National Guard lies in the United States Constitution which designates the Governor as commander-in-chief to provide for the security and well-being of the state's citizens and provides for the Guard to be called into federal service under control of the President of the United States in times of national crisis;

Whereas, the Indiana National Guard traces its history and lineage to 1801, older than the state itself, when volunteer militia companies were organized as protection for pioneers and settlers. Since its inception, members have served the nation in every major conflict since the American Civil War. The state's soldiers and airmen remain trained, ready, and prepared for response in time of state, national, or international emergencies;

Whereas, forefathers of today's 151st Infantry Battalion fought with General William Henry Harrison at the Battle of Tippecanoe in 1811 when the great Shawnee Chief, the Prophet, was defeated. Indiana militia units have been called to service in the Mexican War, during the Civil War, and the Spanish-American War;



Whereas, in 1916, the entire Indiana National Guard was mobilized for service in World War I with the majority of the new 38th (Cyclone) Division coming from Indiana units. These units were eventually deployed to France where Indiana's 150th Field Artillery Regiment fought with distinction;

Whereas, during World War II, the 38th Infantry Division earned combat streamers for three campaigns in the Southwest Pacific, including spearheading the landings on Luzon in the Philippines that regained the Bataan Peninsula from the Japanese. For that, General Douglas MacArthur christened the 38th as the "Avengers of Bataan";

Whereas, Indiana Air National Guard units were mobilized and served during the Korean War in the early 1950's and the Berlin Crisis in the early 1960's. Company D (Ranger), 151st Infantry, was mobilized during the Vietnam War and earned distinction as one of the most highly decorated combat units of the war;

Whereas, recently, personnel were called into service in support of Operations Desert Shield/Storm and today men and women of the Indiana National Guard are serving in the Middle East in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq;

Whereas, Indiana National Guard members, past and present, serve overseas in peacetime operations promoting human rights and goodwill in Germany, Haiti, Hungary, Italy, Kuwait, and South Korea. Guard members also directly assisted the people and government of Slovakia and its role in gaining NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) recognition;

Whereas, the Indiana National Guard, throughout its history, has maintained a forward presence in the state enabling response to the needs of each of our communities and citizens, including providing support to drought-stricken



areas, sheltering citizens in time of need, responding to disaster areas, transporting supplies and medical patients, ensuring transportation capabilities and open emergency routes, containing flood waters, assisting with rescue relief and aid to sister states. The Guard stands ready to respond to future crisis, protecting life and property, in times of all natural and man-made disasters; and

Whereas, Indiana is presently the fourth largest Guard state, having an approximate strength of 12,500 men and women, representing every county and social background in the state. The Guard employs approximately 4,000 full-time employees across the state. It has responsibility for twelve billion dollars in infrastructure and brings an annual revenue to the State of Indiana approaching one billion dollars: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly hereby honors
- 2 the Indiana National Guard and the men and women who serve as
- 3 members for their commitment to excellence and determination to help
- 4 those who face crisis or are in need. The Guard members are entrusted
- 5 to strengthen and ensure the readiness of our State and Nation and we
- 6 commend them for bringing great credit and an exemplary reputation
- 7 to the State of Indiana.
- 8 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
- 9 transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Indiana National Guard and
- 10 Adjutant General, Major General R. Martin Umbarger.

